Recommendations of air tariff committee on rationalisation of air fares on Trivandrum-Gulf Sector

717. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the six member air tariff committee which went into the question of rationalisation of air fares on Trivandrum-Gulf sector; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government on the basis of the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the prices of non-scheduled drugs

718. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 662 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have not submitted the returns in Form 1A to his Ministry in regard to non-scheduled drugs;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies and what action has been taken against them for non-furnishing the returns;

(c) what are the prices intimated for Hydroxy Progesterone Caproate, Diphenhydramine Hcl, Nandrolone Deconate, Glybanclamide, Nandrolone Phenyl, Propionate, Norethisterone Allyestrenol, Methdilazine, Diclofenac Sodium Noscapine, Tinidazole and Pentosifylline by each producer; and

(d) what are the prices of other non-scheduled bulk drugs being produced by these producers which have been intimated to his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of formulations

719. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of combination formulations which are under price control and their bulk drugs out of price control under DPCO, 1987;

(b) when was each price fixed;

(c) what was the earlier price of each, present price and percentage change in each case; and

(d) what was the price of each bulk drug taken into account while fixing the combination formulation prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) Vitamin B-1, B-6, B-12, D, E and Folic Acid as bulk drugs are exempted from the price control under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. Any combination formulation based on these vitamins is under price control. The other requisite details to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Assessment by special team of dues against drug companies

720. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer

to the answer to Unstarred Question 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30h April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special team made assessment of dues against other companies apart from the six companies involved in Supreme Court cases;

(b) if so, what are their names and also the names of the drugs against which assessment was made;

(c) what was the amount assessed against each drug by the team and upto what period; and

(d) what was the total number of representations received by his Ministry against the assessment made by the team upto 3rd May, 1990 and what are the details of each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Names of the companies and the drugs in respect of which some tentative amounts were also assessed by the Special Team are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the company	Drugs involved
1	Anil Starch Products Limited.	Dextrose Anhydrous.
2	Tamil Nadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Calcium Lactate.
3	S.G. Pharmaceuticals	Oxyphenbutazone
4	Merind Limited	(i) Dexamethasone Pure. (ii) Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate.

In view of the representations received against the findings of the Special Team, it has been decided to review the findings in respect of these companies and also the tentatively assessed amounts upto 31-12-1983 which were earlier communicated to six companies.

(d) A large number of representations have been received against the findings of the Special Team, upto 3rd May, 1990. These representations deal with the issues relating to set-offs, under assessment of liabilities ignoring the liabilities in respect of formulations etc.

Revision in norms for conversion costs of drugs

721. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Financial Express' of 26th March, 1990 regarding revision in norms for conversion and packing costs of drugs by the Sankaran Committee;

(b) when was this Committee set up and who were its members and when was the report submitted;